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Blackshear Named Top Academic Instructor in Alabama Two-Year College System

Glinda Blackshear, music instructor and director of the Shelton Singers, has been named Academic Faculty Member of the Year for Alabama's two year colleges during the recent Chancellor's Awards ceremony.

The Arts Council of Tuscaloosa named Blackshear Music Educator of Year in 1994, and she received the Druid Arts Award in 1987 for founding and directing the University of Alabama Jazz Vocal Ensemble.

For the Alabama Choral

Directors Association, she serves as chair for repertoire and standards. She also chairs the Alabama Federation of Music Clubs auditions and often judges the Alabama Vocal Association and Alabama Private School Association competitions.

As an Alabama Artist with the American Federation of Music Clubs, she often performs in recitals across the state. Her voice students are winners in competitions and pageants, and the Shelton Singers under her direction has consistently been rated superior.

She is a church choir director and a soloist and past president of the Tuscaloosa Community Singers. She has had leading roles in *Carousel*, *The King and I*, and *Amahl and the Night Visitors* and has appeared in *The Sound of Music*, *George M!*, *Mame*, and *The Secret Garden*.

Blackshear is married to Alan Blackshear who directs the Shelton State Jazz Ensemble.

SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE'S FACULTY AND STAFF WERE RECOGNIZED IN MOBILE AS PART OF THE CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS.

HUMPHREY LEE, DEAN OF STUDENTS, WAS NAMED ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR FOR THE COLLEGE. LORI CANNON IS SUPPORT STAFF PERSON OF THE YEAR AND WILLIAM QUIMBY IS TECHNICAL FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR FOR SHELTON STATE.

SHELTON SINGERS TRAVEL TO CARNEGIE HALL

For the first time in the 100-year history of New York's Carnegie Hall, a choir composed of students and faculty from Alabama's two year colleges will perform in concert. On May 30, 150 voices from seven different colleges will perform Faure's Requiem with professional orchestra and soloists under the leadership of Simon Carrington, long time member of The King's Singers.

Other two-year college choirs participating besides Shelton State include: Alabama Southern Community College directed by David Ayers; Chattahoochee Valley Community College directed by Evily Davis; Lawson State Community College directed by Bessie Shelton; Northeast Community College directed by Charlene Larson; Northwest-Shoals Community College directed by Jeff McAlister.

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Glinda Blackshear directs the Shelton State choir.

In preparation for the Carnegie Hall concert, this combined choir sang the Requiem in Mobile as part of the Two-Year College Music Showcase and ACA meeting.

The Shelton Singers will perform four movements of the Faure Requiem during the music department's spring concert on April 27. The concert will be held in the Bean-Brown Theatre, and Syble Coats and Nicky Wilson will accompany the choir. The concert will also feature the Shelton State Brass Quintet and Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Alan Blackshear. The repertoire will include spirituals, show tunes, big band, jazz, and the favorite, "New York, New York."

SHELTON RETIREES ANNOUNCED

Twenty-seven employees at Shelton State Community College have opted for the Retirement Incentive offered by the State of Alabama. All qualified for retirement by September 1, 2000. Those retirements include: Katherine Alexander; Linda Baggett; Charles Bearden; Ruby Bennett; Rosemary Blethen; David Cantrell; Sharon Deck; Randall Jarrell; Joyce Jolly; Linda Jones; Evelyn Mettee; Brenda Ryan; Donald Seales; James Fowler; Inez Hester; Margaret Hinton; Arthur Howington; Shirley Johnson; Louise Lewis; Johnny Meyer; Tran Moore; Richard Moton; Bobby Reese; Andrew Rogers; Nathaniel Short; Murphy Stephens; and C. Britt Turner. Shelton State President Tom Umphrey has also accepted the retirement incentive.

SHELTON STATE TO HELP SERVICE USED VEHICLES FOR TANF RECIPIENTS

One major problem facing women moving from welfare to work is finding adequate transportation to get to and from their jobs. Public transportation, taxis, rides with friends and neighbors often prove inadequate and unreliable, according to women going through the program.

To help solve this dilemma, "Wheels to Work" and Shelton State Community College's automotive technology program are joining forces to find solutions to the problem.

Wheels to Work Partnership is a cooperative effort between Community Service Programs of West Alabama, Tombigbee Resource Conservation and Development Council, Departments of Human Resources in six counties, United Way of West Alabama and West Alabama Planning and Development Council.

Through this program reconditioned used vehicles are sold at modest prices to low-income clients who need an automobile to get to their jobs. To be eligible to purchase a vehicle, people in the program must be Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients.

Through Shelton State's automotive technology program, students check the brakes, steering and other basic parts of these vehicles. Automotive technology instructor Jerry Handley will work on the project along with Wheels to Work program manager, Pam Erickson.

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Telephone Registration begins

April 17. Call 391-2900.

SHELTON ALUMNI PLAN ANNUAL MEETING

The Shelton State Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, April 25, beginning at 6 p.m. in the D rooms on the Martin Campus. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per person. Alabama State Senator Charles Steele will be the keynote speaker for the evening. To make reservations, contact the Alumni Office, ext. 2252 or 2221.

TERRIFIC TUESDAY CONCERTS

April 18: Piano program featuring Ken Saxon and Yew Young Chong, UA music students.

April 25: Voice Recital Granville Oldham.

April 27: Spring Music Concert: Bean-Brown Theatre. 7:30 p.m.

May 2: Honors recital featuring Shelton State applied students.

Concerts begin at 1 p.m. in the Recital Hall unless specified otherwise.

Editor's Note: Alabama two-year College Chancellor Dr. Fred Gainous has written three volumes of Op-ed Essays entitled "Sharing the Perspective of Alabama's Two-Year Colleges" over the past two years. Copies of the essays are in Shelton's Public Relations office. If you would like to see any of these essays, contact Lucy Kubiszyn, ext. 2221.

The Office of Public Relations and Alumni Affairs publishes the Shelton Chronicle twice a month, (205) 391-2221.